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## FCC ANNOUNCES MARCH 15, 2002 AS THE NEXT MEETING DATE FOR THE CONSUMER/DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") will hold its next meeting on March 15, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission's headquarters building, Room TW-C305, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

On November 30, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission announced the establishment of the Committee. Its purpose is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer and disability issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations) in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988).

## DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING

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The meeting will be open to the public. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the FCC headquarters building and will be posted on the Commission's website at <a href="www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac">www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac</a>.

The meeting will be broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video format with captioning at <a href="www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac">www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac</a>. The meeting will be sign language interpreted and realtime transcription and assistive listening devices will also be available. Meeting agendas and handout material will also be provided in accessible formats. The meeting site is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

## **MEETING AGENDA**

At the March 15, 2002 meeting, the Committee will consider and make recommendations concerning various proposed rules currently before the Commission of particular interest to consumers. The Committee's agenda will include, but is not limited to, proposals relating to the Commission's consumer complaint process, hearing aid compatible wireless telephones, and the Lifeline and Link-up universal service support programs.

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons may attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Written comments for the Committee may be sent to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, Scott Marshall, at the address listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Telephone 202-418-2809 (voice) or 202-418-0179 (TTY) and email: cdtac@fcc.gov.